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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/534,317	DE CLERCQ ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/09/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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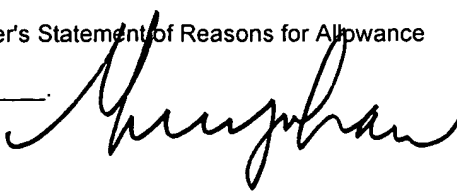
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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**THUY V. TRAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is a response to the Applicant's filing on May 09, 2005. In virtue of this filing, claims 1-6 are currently presented in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest the following limitations:

Circuit arrangement for operating a high pressure discharge lamp comprising a first circuit part for modulating the reference signal S_{ref} at a modulation frequency that equals the frequency of the commutation of the DC current by subsequently, decreasing the reference signal S_{ref} by an amount ΔS_{ref} during a first time interval Δt_1 that starts a second time interval Δt_2 before each commutation of the DC current, maintaining the reference signal at the decreased value during a third time interval Δt_3 , increasing the reference signal S_{ref} by an amount ΔS_{ref} during a fourth time interval Δt_4 , and characterized in that the circuit arrangement further comprises a second circuit part for adjusting at least one parameter chosen from the group formed by ΔS_{ref} , Δt_1 , Δt_2 , Δt_3 and Δt_4 in dependency of a parameter chosen from the group formed by the power consumed by the lamp, the lamp voltage and the lamp current, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as claimed in claim 1 (claims 2-6 are allowed for depending on claim 1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lev et al. (U.S. 2005/0035729 A1) discloses a digital power controller for gas discharge devices and the like.

Langeslag et al. (U.S. 2004/0257001 A1) discloses a circuit arrangement.

Van Casteren (U.S. 2004/0183460 A1) discloses a device for operating a high pressure discharge lamp.

Slegers (U.S. 2003/0151377 A1) discloses a circuit arrangement for operating a discharge lamp.

Shen (U.S. 2003/0102818 A1) discloses a high power factor electronic ballast with lossless switching.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung X. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-6010. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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